# Maize Rec. Basketball Rules 2023/2024 – 3v3 Edition

1. Official Basketball Rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are official except where a league rule is in conflict.
2. **ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY A *MINIMUM OF 8 MINUTES.*** Exception: If a player becomes sick, or is ejected, this rule is waived for that player.
3. Goals:

1st-2nd & 3rd-4th grades: 8 1/2 feet (boys and girls)

5th-6th boys and 5th-6th girls: 10 feet. Games will be played at half court.

1. Ball: 27.5 oz ball for 1st-2nd grades, 28.5 oz ball for 3rd-6th grades. Game balls provided by the league.
2. A coin toss will determine the right to possession to begin the game.
3. The ball will change possession after all made baskets.
4. Jump balls go to the defense.
5. Defensive players must check the ball before it is put into play after made baskets, fouls or when the ball goes out of bounds. The ball must be passed to a teammate to begin play.
6. The ball will be “taken back” on every change of possession. “Taken back” means both feet must be behind the designated line at the top of the three-point arc. If a basket is made, the ball must be taken back. Failure to take it back will result in the loss of possession and the loss of any points resulting from that possession.
7. After all fouls or when the ball goes out of bounds or on a jump ball, the ball must be taken back.
8. If a basket is missed, it is a live ball. If the offensive team retains possession of the ball, it may continue to shoot for a basket. If the defensive team gets the rebound, the ball must be taken back before another shot can be taken.
9. Time outs: 4-30 second time outs per half for each team. No carryover.
10. Fouls: **After 5 common fouls, players will be awarded two free throws. Team foul count resets to zero after each quarter.** A player fouls out on the 5th personal foul ruled against him/her.
11. Score: Score will be kept for all age divisions, but no official standings will be kept.
12. Lane violation is 5 seconds.
13. Player substitutions may be made during dead-ball situations and after baskets are made. Subs will be motioned by the officials.
14. **All grades will play 8-minute quarters with a continuously running clock in all four quarters. Clock will only stop for time outs, injured players or by the officials.**
15. **Defense (1st-2nd & 3rd-4th grades)**

Are allowed to play man to man or zone defense. Stealing while an opponent is dribbling or passing the ball is allowed if no foul is committed. Defenders’ hands will not be allowed to be on their opponent at any time. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Will only be allowed to provide help defense **inside the 3-point line**. Any trapping or help defense outside of the 3-point line will be a violation. **The defensive team will receive two warnings. The 3rd will result in a technical foul.**

1. In all age groups if a team is ahead by 20 or more points, the scoreboard will be set back to 0 (zero) but the actual score will be kept correct in the scorebook.
2. **Breaks between quarters will be 1 minute in length. Half time will be a 5-minute break.**
3. **There will be NO OVERTIME at any grade level.**
4. **Official’s decisions are final**.
5. A player receiving a technical foul will be required to leave the game for 2 minutes of playing time. A second technical on a coach or player will result in the coach or player leaving the premises.